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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Present claims 1-8 relate to a use and method, defined by reference to the parameter "to inhibit the enzyme dipeptidyl peptidase IV". Moreover, claims 2,4-7 relate to the parameter "to regulate the concentration of hormones and neuropeptides which are inactivated by the enzyme dipeptidyl peptidase IV", claim 3 relates to a use defined by reference to the parameter "to regulate the immunity functions modulated by CD26", claims 4,6,7,9-11 relate to the parameter "regulation of the concentration of GLP-I" and claims 5-7 relate to the parameter "regulation of the concentration of peptide YY and neuropeptide Y". Since the pharmacological action of this compound is not well-defined, the use of these parameters in the present context is considered to lead to a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. It is impossible to compare the parameters the applicant has chosen to employ with what is set out in the prior art. The lack of clarity is such as to render a meaningful complete search impossible. Consequently, the search has been restricted to the diseases specified in claims 10 and 11, namely obesity in non-diabetic subjects and diabetes in slim or normoweight subjects, with due regard to the general idea underlying the application.

Claims searched partially: 1-11.

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